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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A,
BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its H. G. Jordan et al. No. 1 Well, at the location shown on the attached plats, as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUM and as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS C RA SUT.
2. To approve an exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971 (applicable to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A), and of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980 (applicable to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A), for the location of the proposed alternate unit well.
3. To find that drilling, designation and use of the proposed well as an alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUM and HOSS C RA SUT is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying these units which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.

4. To permit the Operator of HOSS C RA SUT to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells at the location of

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The Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

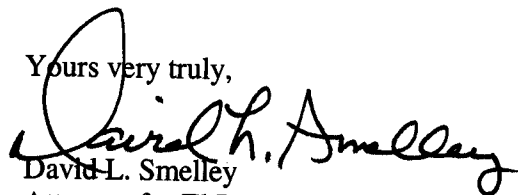
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the two (2) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

Attorney for El Paso Production Company

EL PASO (SONAT) LOE C-1
10275
HOSS B RA SU X
36
EL PASO (SONAT) SOUR A 1
12300
EL PASO (SONAT) CUMMINGS 4
10100
EL PASO (SONAT) JONES 1
11010

EL PASO (SONAT) HARRISON A-1
9305

EL PASO (SONAT) CULBERTSON 1A
10400
HOSS B RA SU Q
31
EL PASO (SONAT) CULBERTSON N 1D
7801
EL PASO (SONAT) PULLIG 1
9249

17N-5W
EL PASO (SONAT) CRAWLEY L 1A
9600

HOSS B RB SU A
EL PASO (TXO) VAN HOOK A-1
(8303) 9600
EL PASO CULBERTSON 32-1
9600
SONAT (TXO) MUSLOW 1
9450

EL PASO (SONAT) CUMMINGS 5
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EL PASO (SONAT) LA MINERALS 1
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SONAT CUMMINGS 1
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10870
EL PASO (SONAT) WOODS 1
9012
SONAT WOODS 2
9200
EL PASO (SONAT) KMI 1
9017
HOSS B RA SU C
2000'

EL PASO (SONAT) FEDERAL LAND 2
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EL PASO (SONAT) HODGE-HUNT A-1
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MURPHY CONTINENTAL C 2
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HOSS B RA SU D
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WILL-DRILL POOLE ETAL 1
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BROYLES CONTINENTAL C 1
8618

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400' FWL

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